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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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May 8, 2022

10:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,

you have gathered a people

from every tribe and language

to praise your name eternally.

Join our song with all of heaven

as we worship you this day

in the glorious light of Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN: *How Great Thou Art #625

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey

and eager to forgive us when we go astray;

therefore, in humility and faith,

let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

We confess that we have strayed

from your paths of right relationship and peace,

and we have dishonored you,

ourselves, and your creation;

we repent of these hurtful ways.

Forgive us, we pray,

as we learn to forgive others,

and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring

to cleanse us of our offenses;

therefore, know that you are forgiven

and receive new life in Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Genesis 28:10-18

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it.

SERMON "Though you"

The Rev. Drew Ludwig

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Change My Heart, O God*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, Divine Shepherd,
you anoint us with the oil of gladness;
your love overflows our hearts.
Accept our offering for the good of the world
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *I Love You Lord

CHARGE

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;
go forth to follow paths of peace;
and may God's goodness and mercy
follow you as you serve the risen Lord.

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Drew Ludwig for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

"How Great Thou Art" #625

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Refrain)

**Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **(Refrain)**

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. **(Refrain)**

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!" **(Refrain)**

"I Love You Lord" #627

1. I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.